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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 11, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE HOLDING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes each, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

FAILED POLICY IN AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much.

Last week I was home, and on Saturday I had the pleasure to speak to about 50 citizens in the Third District of North Carolina which I represent. I carry this poster with me, Mr. Speaker, and I also have a one-page flier. The purpose of this is to continue to wake up the American people that we are in Afghanistan; and unless you have a

loved one there, you probably don't think about it. That's human nature. It's not a criticism. But I take this and then I give the flier, and it's got the cartoon.

Mr. Speaker, the cartoon has Karzai with a little debit card, and he's standing at an ATM machine. At the top it says, "CIA ATM." Karzai says, "I'm just making a quick withdrawal." He's got bags of cash at his feet. Sadly, there's a soldier in the background that says, "I'd like to make a quick withdrawal from here."

Last week we had two American soldiers killed and one civilian, and the war keeps going on and on. We in Congress act like it's not happening. I don't understand it. The President has signed a bilateral strategic agreement with the Afghans that will keep us there from 2014 to 2024. We're spending \$8 billion a month in Afghanistan. The CIA admitted in a New York Times article that they have been giving tens of millions of dollars for 10 years to Karzai. He's got to be one of the richest men in the world. We keep borrowing the money from the Chinese to give him money. I do not understand it, and I would like to read just a couple of points from The New York Times CIA article:

The CIA money, Mr. Karzai told reporters, was an easy source of petty cash, and some of it was used to pay off the political elite, a group dominated by warlords. Mr. Karzai said that when he met with the CIA station chief, "I told him because of all these rumors in the media, please do not cut all this money, because we really need it."

Well, Mr. Karzai, so do the American people. Here we are in Congress cutting programs for children and senior citizens, and the Congress has a deaf ear to Afghanistan. The bill coming up this week from the Armed Services Committee, which I serve on, will have \$85 billion additional money going to Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the American people to show outrage to those of

us in Congress and say it's time to bring our troops home. It's time to stop wasting lives and limbs and getting money from foreign countries, like China, that we have to borrow to pay Karzai.

I do not understand it, Mr. Speaker, and I'm pleased to say that the people of the Third District of North Carolina, the home of Camp Lejeune Marine Base—the Wright brothers took the first flight from my district—they're tired of this war. They are fed up with it, and they see no end to it.

We in Congress are not meeting our constitutional responsibility for oversight. When you see the kind of money that I just made reference to going to this crook in Afghanistan named Karzai, there should have been hearings held on that money going to Afghanistan. I understand Benghazi and I understand the IRS hearings and these other hearings that we're having, but there are no hearings on the waste, fraud, and abuse in Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, before I yield back, I want to first ask God to please bless our men and women in uniform. I ask God to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform. The families who've given a child dying for freedom, God hold them in your arms. And God, I ask you to please bless the House and Senate that we will do what is right in the eyes of God for God's people. I will ask God to bless the President of the United States that he will do what is right in the eyes of God for God's people. And three times I will say from the bottom of my heart, God please, God please, God please continue to bless America.

I-5 BRIDGE COLLAPSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, 5 weeks ago Dan and Sally

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